State-wise budget allocations are not made under the scheme. However, an amount of Rs. 144.75 lakhs has been released during 2007-08.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is an income criteria for grant of Post Matric Scholarships. (i) under the PMS for SC students scholarship are given to students whose parents/ gaurdians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1 lakh p.a. In case of OBC and ST students the income ceiling is Rs. 44,500 and Rs. 1,08,000 repsectively.

The scholarships are sanctioned to students by concerned State Governments/ Union Territories.

Rehabilitation of the mentally retarded people

†1646.DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for medical facilities and rehabilitation of mentally retarded and semi-retarded people:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether, Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme like rehabilitation homes or some other scheme for the welfare of these neglected people; and

(d) if so, the details of the draft formulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under the Central Sponsored Scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, a number of projects of Special Pre-School/Schools, Day-care Centres, Vocational Training Centres, Homes and Home-based programmes for rendering services of special education, vocational training, counselling, medical advice are being run by Non-Governmental Organisations, for the rehabilitation of the persons with mental retardation.

Besides, under the SAMARTH Scheme, services including medical/therapeutic services, speech and psychological assessment and counselling are being rendered by the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.

National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped is administering rehabilitation schemes, *inter-alia*, for running Special Schools for children with mental retardation and for conducting training courses for teachers in the area of cerebral palsy/mental retardation etc.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.